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Chapman on New Colombian Birds.¹— Mr. Chapman in this paper, which is preliminary to a detailed one now in preparation, presents the first report on the results of the ornithological investigations of the American Museum expedition to Colombia, which was planned and directed by him, and with which he was personally associated from March to June, 1911. This contribution consists of a brief outline of the personnel and itinerary of the expedition to date, with a map and diagnoses of 40 new species and subspecies of birds.

While most of these are from the Cauca region, the Paramo of Santa Isabel and other parts of western Colombia others are from Santa Marta, and one, *Synallaxis gularis cinereiventris*, from Merada, Venezuela. The distinctness of these latter forms was brought out by a study of the Cauca material. The interest which attaches to this paper will make all students of the Neotropical avifauna eager for the appearance of Mr. Chapman's detailed report.— W. S.

Chapman on a New Ibis from Mt. Kenia.²— Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Akeley have presented to the American Museum a pair of Ibises with their nest, a portion of an egg-shell, and three young, which they collected on Mt. Kenia, British East Africa, in September, 1910. Mr. Chapman finds that the specimens represent not only a new species but a new generic type, most nearly related to *Hagedashia* but resembling in some respects *Lophotibis* and *Lampribis*. He has named the species *Oreorbis akeleyorum*.— W. S.

Richmond on New Birds from the West Coast of Sumatra.³— The collections made by Dr. W. L. Abbott in 1903 and 1904 on islands off the west coast of Sumatra, and presented to the United States National Museum, have yielded the following new forms which are here named and described by Dr. C. W. Richmond. *Muscadivores consobrina babiensis*, Pulo Babi; *Thriponax javensis buttikoferi*, Nias Island; *Dicæum sumatranum batuense*, Batu; *Alcedo meninting proxima*, North Pagi; *Copsychus saularis pagiensis*, North Pagi.— W. S.

Beebe on New Blood Pheasants.⁴— Mr. Beebe's study of the specimens of Pheasants obtained on the Kuser-Beebe Expedition has brought to light the existence of two undescribed forms of Blood Pheasant which are here

¹ Diagnoses of apparently new Colombian Birds. By Frank M. Chapman. Bulletin Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., XXXI, Art. xvi, pp. 139-166. July 23, 1912.

² A New Ibis from Mt. Kenia, British East Africa. By Frank M. Chapman. Bulletin Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., Vol. XXXI, Art. xxi, pp. 235-238. August 6, 1912.

³ Descriptions of Five New Birds from the West Coast of Sumatra. By Charles W. Richmond. Proc. Biol. Soc. of Washington. Vol. XXV, pp. 103-106, June 15 [= 14], 1912.

⁴ New Blood Pheasants. By C. William Beebe. Zoologica, Scientific Contributions of the New York Zoological Society, Vol. 1, No. 10, pp. 189-193. Aug. 17, 1912.